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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
TOYOKI TAGUCHI, ET AL. : GROUP UNIT:
SERIAL NO: NEW DIV. APPLN. :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

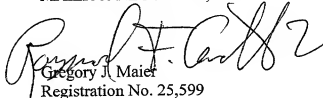
Claims 7-20 are presently active in this application. Original Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

A separate letter setting forth proposed drawing corrections approved in the parent application is being filed herewith for the Examiner's consideration and approval relative to this divisional application.

In light of the above, an early and favorable examination on the merits as to the presently active Claims 7-20 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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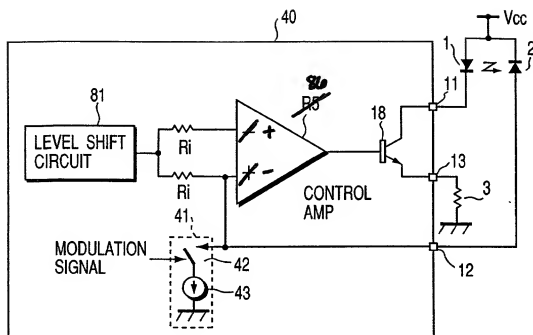


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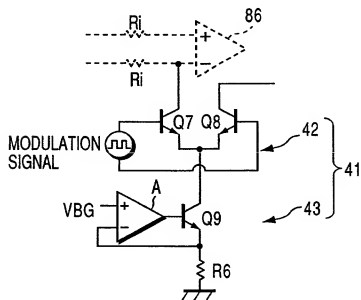


FIG. 8

